

[23 February, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

(d) The suggestions of the Estimates Committee are as under:—

“At present Physiotherapy units are working in two CGHS hospitals in Delhi. There is weight in the Ministry's contention that it will not be necessary nor practical to have Physiotherapy units in all the CGHS dispensaries. The Ministry may, however, consider the feasibility and desirability of setting up a few more Physiotherapy units outside the hospitals for the benefit of beneficiaries residing far away from these hospitals”.

(e) In view of the position described above, no action on the part of the Ministry is possible at this stage.

#### **Attack on fasting agitators**

\*55. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned agitators attacked while fasting appearing in 'Asian Age' dated 26th January, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the unemployed persons staging the agitation were empanelled for appointment as Gangman in Kharagpur-Howrah Division, as reported;

(c) if so, the chronological details of the employment notice, written test, empanelment and follow-up action referred to in the report;

(d) whether any enquiry has been ordered on RPF action; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the process of recruitment in this case had to be halted on the basis of a complaint received from Shri Gurudas Dasgupta, Ex. MP who alleged about serious irregularities in the recruitment process. A vigilance enquiry was

ordered which has been completed. Based on enquiry, it has now been decided to start the recruitment process.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

### **Reforms in technical education**

† \* 56. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for comprehensive reform in technical education in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any draft scheme for the said reforms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what decision has been taken by Government for getting assistance from private sector to implement this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) "Reforms in technical education in the country is a continuous process and this is achieved through the implementation of the National Policy on Education (NPE) and the Programme of Action (PoA). It includes coordinated and planned development of technical education as embodied in the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987. For the development of technical education, AICTE runs several schemes such as Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence, Thrust Area Programme in Technical Education, Research and Development Programme, Entrepreneurship and Management Development Programme, Early Faculty Induction Programme, Quality

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.